

### REAL ESTATE MEN PLAN CO-OPERATION

Idea of a Get Together Method by Which Men and Firms Can Work Together Jointly is Proposed.

#### DRAFT OF ARTICLES ARE OUT

The real estate men of Omaha now have before them a tentative draft of the proposition of forming a real estate corporation for the purpose of engaging in various lines of real estate activities jointly. The plan is fathered by the Omaha Real Estate exchange. The first ten shares of the stock at \$100 a share, according to the tentative draft, shall be sold to the Real Estate exchange as a body, while the rest is to be sold to individual members.

Frank H. Myers of Benson & Myers drew the tentative draft, which he reported to the exchange at the last meeting for discussion. Briefly here is the plan, which has yet to be adopted or rejected:

**Plan of Co-Operation.**  
"That a corporation be organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska by and from among the members of the exchange, to be known as the Omaha Exchange Realty company, or such other name as may be selected by the exchange.

"That it have an authorized capital stock of \$100,000 of common stock in shares of the par value of \$100 each.

"That the first ten shares, or \$1,000 in such stock, be set apart and designated as special common stock and that the same be issued and sold to the Omaha Real Estate exchange at par from time to time as the exchange shall make payment therefor.

"That this stock be non-transferable and non-voting.

"That it receive in lieu of these privileges one-tenth of all of the net profits of the corporation so long as it shall continue to own and hold this stock, but upon the condition only that when the fully paid capital stock of the corporation shall reach \$50,000 the exchange shall have paid for 50% of the stock allotted to it and that when the fully paid capital stock of the corporation shall reach \$100,000 the exchange shall have fully paid for the entire \$1,000 of stock issued to it.

"That the remainder of the common stock of the corporation be offered to members of the exchange at par upon the following terms of payment:

"Ten per cent cash at the time of subscription and balance subject to the call of the board of directors, but not to exceed 10 per cent per month until said stock shall be fully paid for.

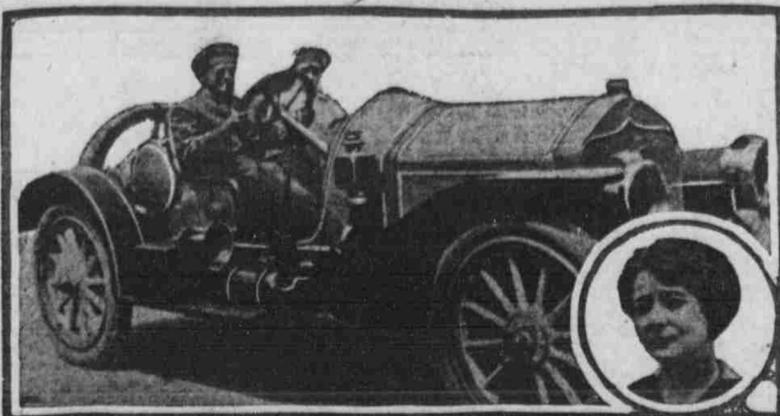
"The certificates of stock to remain in the hands of the corporation as collateral security until fully paid for.

"The corporation to be authorized to begin business when 10 per cent of the capital stock shall have been paid for and the stock when fully paid, issued and delivered, to be non-assessable.

"The corporation to be managed by a board of seven or nine directors, from among whom shall be elected the usual officers, consisting of a president, vice president, for possibly two vice presidents, secretary and treasurer.

"All offices to serve without compensation except the secretary, who may be allowed sufficient compensation to cover his actual outlay in time caring for the duties of his office.

**LUSITANIA WIDOW TO GIVE AUTO TO GENERAL JOFFRE**—Mrs. E. B. Thompson, widow of E. Bliss Thompson, who lost his life in the Lusitania disaster, is having the high-powered motor car of her late husband overhauled and will ship it to the French army commander-in-chief as a gift.



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action except the secretary, who may be allowed sufficient compensation to cover his actual outlay in time caring for the duties of his office.

"The corporation by its articles to be permitted also to issue whenever, in the opinion of two-thirds of the board of directors, the conditions justify it, preferred stock up to the amount of \$100,000, such preferred stock to be preferred as to dividends and as to assets in case of liquidation, voluntary or involuntary.

"Dividends to be cumulative and at such a rate as may be determined by the board of directors at the time of issue. Same to be payable at the option of the corporation upon, say, sixty days' notice and at such price as may be determined by the board and stated in the certificates of stock.

**Preferred is Non-Voting.**

"The preferred stock to be non-voting and of course non-assessable beyond its par value.

"The articles of corporation to be broad enough to permit it to purchase, own, mortgage and sell real estate; to take, own, assign and sell all kinds of notes, mortgages, contracts or other instruments in writing affecting or evidencing an interest in real estate. To acquire, hold, manage and dispose of leasehold estates. To borrow money and to pledge under suitable restrictions its assets as security therefor. To loan money upon proper security. In fact, to do any and all things within the province of a conservative, well regulated real estate corporation."

#### INSURANCE AGENCY BELIEVES IN THIRTEENS

"The Nat. Meister Insurance agency and C. W. Calkins company, real estate, have taken on larger quarters adjoining their former suite of rooms, known as "1313," in the City National bank building. These two firms have been quite well known in their faith and belief in thirteen, having moved into this suite of rooms some five years ago and insisted upon securing this same number when taking up larger quarters.

The C. W. Calkins company is contemplating representing an eastern firm for making loans in this city, and the Meister Insurance agency is going to add all lines of casualty insurance in connection to the general insurance business.

The C. W. Calkins company is contemplating the installation of a large rental department in the office. There will be one man that will take entire charge of the rentals.

#### Real Estate Men Anticipate a Big Time at Convention

Real estate men are looking forward to the national convention at New Orleans, March 27 to 31. They expect the biggest attendance in the nine years of the National association's history. For the first time the convention is being held at a season before the spring rush begins, and real estate men are going to take advantage of an opportunity to attend a convention without sacrifice of business. "We are not only sure of a brilliant program on which some of the biggest men in the country will discuss real estate matters," said Edward M. Slater, chairman of the convention committee of the Omaha Real Estate exchange, but we are going to get the real benefit out of studying conditions in New Orleans. These conditions are remarkable in their way.

"Part of New Orleans is one of the oldest cities in America, an old-fashioned city with its famous cafes, coffee houses, with its French markets, its old cemeteries, with its French quarter suggesting a foreign world of houses built to the street line, a world of congestion

and closed shutters until one wonders how the air and light get in.

"Then, there is a new New Orleans, a strictly modern city that is sharply in contrast with the old city to which it is wedded. The new city is about a decade old, and its development has been remarkable. St. Charles street is ultra-modern and high class in its residential development, a thoroughfare of real beauty in architecture, in foliage and in upkeep. It is graced by many of the Louisiana palms which are famous among horticulturists.

"New Orleans has made truly remarkable progress in civic improvements during the last decade. As the city is below the lake and river level, it has solved a serious problem by the installation of an elaborate sewer system with pumps to discharge its flow. This system is said to be the greatest of its kind in the world. The city also has a municipal dock system, recently completed, that sets an example to the world. It has reclaimed hundreds of acres of swamp lands and dedicated them to public purposes.

"We have always accustomed ourselves to the thought of New Orleans as a center of Mardi Gras gaiety, as a sleepy old southern town that wakes up for a day or two every year and then resumes its slumbers. Instead, the city has grappled with some of the greatest and most vital problems concerning municipalities today, and it has solved many of them in a way which will prove most instructive to real estate men. For this reason, we are looking forward with keen anticipation to visiting New Orleans during the convention."

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### HARRIS CASE IS DECIDED FOR BEE

After Verdict for Defendant Victor Rosewater Calls Attention of Judge to Perjury.

#### ASKS SOME ACTION BE TAKEN

"Verdict for the defendant" was the way the return read, rendered by the jury at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the libel suit of Harris against The Bee.

The jurors went out just before the noon hour and did nothing until after their lunch, when they evidently came to a decision at once without any dissent whatever.

The forenoon had been consumed by the closing arguments, Attorney Bromer for the woman and Attorney W. J. Connell for The Bee, Mr. Bromer's special appeal being laid on repeated emphasis of the statement that unless the jury accepted the story told by Mrs. Harris, though contradicted by the large array of witnesses on the other side, they would brand her as a liar and a perjurer, as well as confirming what was said about her in The Bee article sued upon. Mr. Connell merely hit the main points that had been adduced and drove them in with telling effect.

After the jury had been dismissed Victor Rosewater, as one of the defendants, claimed the attention of Judge Graves a moment and directed him to the rank perjury that had been disclosed and asked that in justice to the court and all concerned he request the county attorney to look into the matter and take such action as might be warranted by prosecution for perjury and all who might be implicated in it.

Judge Graves said he would comply with the request, whereupon Attorney Blaser, who is an attorney of record in the case, but who had not participated in the trial at all, jumped up and protested.

#### RUSSIAN PAPER IN BERLIN FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Feb. 18.—An unofficial communication announces the foundation of a new Russian paper in Berlin, the Ruakli Westnik, whose purpose is to keep Russian readers informed "in an impartial sense" of the military and political situation. The Russian prisoners of war, says the communication, feel especially the need of a newspaper which estimates events "quietly and objectively." This will be the only Russian paper they are permitted to receive.

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### Hollanders Fear Japan Has an Eye On an Island Colony

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)  
AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, Jan. 31.—Japanese commercial expansion in the Dutch East Indian archipelago is a subject on which many colonial Hollanders hold strong views. The fear a pacific penetration by Japan of the rich "emerald sirdle," the island group situated just to the south of the Philippines. Imports from Japan into the Dutch East Indian colonies in the last five years have more than doubled and now amount to close upon \$2,000,000 annually.

The Japanese have already secured such a hold on many branches of manufactured goods on the Java market that a spontaneous boycotting movement arose some time ago against them. Much was expected from this at the time, but colonial papers which have just arrived in Holland say that it will be almost impossible to drive Japan-made goods from the Java market, owing to their cheapness, the result of low-price native labor in Japan. These cheap prices have created a steady, regular demand in the Dutch East Indies for Japanese goods.

The war in Europe has benefited Japanese trade considerably. Japanese matches, for instance, are imported in large quantities now that the price of European matches has risen and delivery is uncertain. Fears are expressed that the Japanese exporters will find other ways to enforce freedom of intercourse with the best customers, the native population of Java, while the poorer classes of

whites also prefer to patronize Japanese traders as they cannot afford to pay higher prices for European goods, even though the latter may be of better quality. Some traders in the Dutch East Indies are feeling the effects of the war pretty seriously and Japanese exporters have not been slow in seizing the favorable opportunities that have presented themselves.

The Japanese trade used to be, and still is, largely in the hands of Chinese middlemen, but of late many purely Japanese stores have sprung up in Java and elsewhere. According to the latest advice, many big European importing houses are endeavoring, owing to the unsettled conditions in Europe, to make their positions secure by opening up direct trade connections with Japanese exporting firms.

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Insurance in force Dec. 31st, 1911, 5,658,600.00
Insurance in force Dec. 31st, 1912, 6,120,773.00
Insurance in force Dec. 31st, 1913, 6,561,501.00
Insurance in force Dec. 31st, 1914, 7,757,906.00
Insurance in force Dec. 31st, 1915, 9,190,702.00

Gross Assets Dec. 31st, 1906, \$ 1,924.00
Gross Assets Dec. 31st, 1907, 7,612.00
Gross Assets Dec. 31st, 1908, 25,866.00
Gross Assets Dec. 31st, 1909, 86,345.00
Gross Assets Dec. 31st, 1910, 178,328.00
Gross Assets Dec. 31st, 1911, 268,250.00
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Total Death Losses sustained since organization	\$ 76,450.00
Total Dividends Paid Policy Holders since organization	177,377.70

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